

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Private First Class Sheldon Hawk Eagle, son of Bernice Strikes Enemy and Allen Hawk Eagle, grew up in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, where he was raised by his Aunt Fern and Uncle Harvey Hawk Eagle after the loss of his parents at a young age; and,

Whereas, Sheldon was a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, descendant of the Lakota leader, Crazy Horse, and his Lakota name, Wanbli Ohitika, means Brave Eagle; and,

Whereas, Sheldon began thinking about the Army as he neared his 2001 high school graduation because he viewed military service as a citizen's duty, later enlisting in the Army while living in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and,

Whereas, One hundred and twenty-one Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Eagle Butte community members have served in the military during the Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Private First Class Hawk Eagle was the first casualty; and,

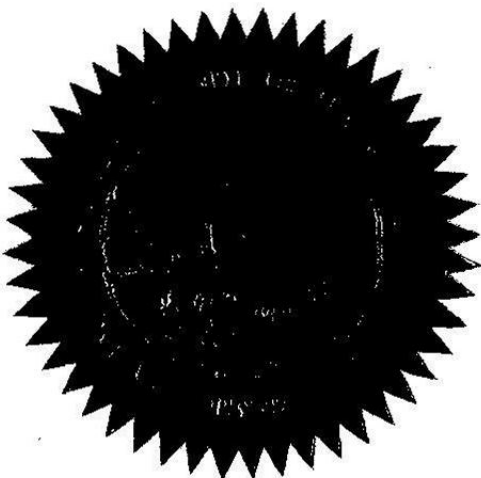
Whereas, Private First Class Hawk Eagle was one of 17 soldiers of the 320th Field Artillery of the 101st Airborne Division killed when two Army Blackhawk helicopters crashed over Mosul, Iraq, on November 15, 2003; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to remember Private First Class Sheldon Hawk Eagle for his dedicated and outstanding service to this country and state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2004, as

*A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
SHELDON HAWK EAGLE*

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends as they gather this day to celebrate his life and thank him for giving his life that we may all live in a safer world.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State